

Wednesday, March 18, 1953

Wednesday of Laetare

Lent • One-Year (Historic) • 1952–1953 Church Year • Purple

APPOINTED READINGS

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 36:23-28

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 1:16-19

GOSPEL

John 9:1-38

INTROIT

Cum sanctificatus fuero — Ezekiel 36; Psalm 34

When I shall be sanctified in you, I will gather you from every land: and I will pour upon you clean water, and you shall be cleansed from all your filthiness: and I will give you a new spirit. Psalm. I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who grantest to the just the reward of their merits, and to sinners pardon by means of fasting, have mercy on thy supplicants, that the confession of our guilt may enable us to receive the forgiveness of our sins. Through, &c.;

Introit and collect: Husenbeth, *The Missal for the Use of the Laity* (London, 1853) — Wednesday, Fourth Week, public domain (historic Western propers; not from Lutheran service books). Readings per *The Lutheran Missal*, "Lenten Lectons" (2020).